

**WHEREAS**, victims of crime across America *need* and *deserve* support and assistance to help them cope with the consequences of crime; and

**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims' Rights Week—April 23 to 29, 2006—offers us all the opportunity to promote strength in unity in helping victims and survivors of crime, and recognizing their rights as victims; and

**WHEREAS**, victims and survivors of crime can gain strength from the wide range of supportive services offered by over 10,000 community and justice system-based programs, and the more than 32,000 federal and state statutes that define and protect their rights; and

**WHEREAS**, America has demonstrated its caring and compassion for victims of crime, from individuals who provide support to a victim, to community collaborations resulting in comprehensive services for victims of violence against men, women and children, to our entire nation's response to the victims of the terrorist attacks on Oklahoma City and on September 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, by being united *against* crime and for victims' rights and services, we gain strength as individuals, as communities, and as a nation as a whole, and offer strength to victims who seek to recover in the aftermath of crime; and

**WHEREAS**, we must remain united in our commitment to ensure that all crime victims and survivors are treated with compassion and respect, recognized as key participants within our systems of justice, and afforded services that provide help and hope to them; and

**WHEREAS**, America has joined together annually each April since 1981 to recognize the needs and rights of crime victims and survivors during National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Davie, do hereby proclaim the week of April 23 through 29, 2006, in the Town of Davie as:

**Crime Victims' Rights Week**

and honors crime victims and those who serve them during this week and throughout the year.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of April, 2006.

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Tom Truex, Mayor

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